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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRIP OF VICE PRESIDENT

1. THE BEST TIME FRAME FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ASIAN TRIP IS THE ONE CURRENTLY PLANNED. THE SCHEDULE FOR THE BANGKOK PORTION WAS MARCH 25-28, BUT THAI ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR APRIL 4. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE INFERENCE OF SOME THAI THAT THE INTENTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BANGKOK WOULD BE TO INFLUENCE THE IMPENDING ELECTIONS AND THAT HE OR THE US WOULD BECOME AN ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

2. ACTION REQUIRED: SEEK OUT CHATCHAI, OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EXPLAIN THAT
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BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE PROPOSED VISIT AND THE

ELECTIONS, WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT NOT VISIT THAILAND AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD INFORM CHATCHAI THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO MAKE STOPS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE. IF CHATCHAI APPEARS TO HAVE ANY OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD ADVISE HIM YOU WILL REPORT HIS VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. IF THE THAI ARE WILLING THAT VICE PRESIDENT VISIT BANGKOK DESPITE ELECTIONS, STATE THAT YOU WILL REPORT THIS VIEW TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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